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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
Justin Chuang et al. ) Group Art Unit: 2618  
Serial No.: 09/774,875 ) Examiner: E. Bayard  
Filed: February 1, 2001 ) Atty. Docket No.: 3493.00151  
(IDS 2000-0071)  
For: METHOD FOR NEAR OPTIMAL JOINT )  
CHANNEL ESTIMATION AND DATA )  
DETECTION FOR COFDM SYSTEMS )

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Honorable Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The Applicants request that the following amendment be entered prior to an  
action on the merits.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 1 with the following:

--This application claims the benefit of priority of Provisional Application No.  
60/241,295, filed on October 19, 2000, and of Provisional Application No. 60/180,799,  
filed on February 7, 2000, and is related by subject matter to U.S. Patent Application No.  
09/774,802 filed February 1, 2001, entitled "System for Near Optimal Joint Channel  
Estimation and Data Detection for COFDM Systems," by the inventors of the present  
application filed concurrently herewith.--